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WASHINGTON — Intelligence agencies of five foreign governments have conducted systematic campaigns inside the United States to spy on, harass and in some cases plan assassinations of their opponents, U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials have disclosed to Senate investigators.

A principal target of the campaigns by four of the five countries — Iran, the Philippines, Taiwan and Chile — appears to have been American public opinion. Spies were set loose on critics whose speaking out might have disturbed the traditionally close relations between each of the four authoritarian regimes and Washington.

Methods ranged from the reported sending of "hit teams" from Iran and Chile to the United States to the tedious business of monitoring and cataloguing student political discussions here by each of the four countries, according to a secret Senate staff study of foreign intelligence operations inside the United States. Independent accounts obtained by The Washington Post tend to confirm or expand many of the study's disclosures.

Each service developed its own special wrinkles. Preparing to go totally "underground" when Washington established relations with Peking, Taiwan's National Security Bureau drew up plans to recruit Chinese-Americans to travel to China and spy for Taiwan. Chile hoped to establish a Miami branch office of an international consortium of intelligence agencies it had helped set up.

But the four spy outfits had an important common feature. They all had intelligence liaison agreements with the Central Intelligence Agency, and they operated with a relatively free hand here.

The report strongly suggests that

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SAVAK, the now-disbanded Iranian

tivity" in the United States by ing 15 years of "significant police, se-Federal Bureau of Investigation durpzy working relationship with and non-diplomatic political organization, also had a the

The Senate study also investigates

by the Senate study involved an unby the FBI to concentrate almost exthen boasting that the U.S. governening dissidents here with death and mist nations, Yugoslavia and the Sovithe covert activities of two Commurather than on combatting anti-Soviet clusively on classical espionage efforts posing as diplomats routinely threatbian emigres depict Yugoslav agents FBI and CIA from Croatian and Ser-Unlike the other five spy services, Soviet Union's KGB is reported The one known exception cited Accounts gathered by not take any

interviews with intelligence and successful Soviet effort to get a Rus-The staff report was based propaganda Jewish emigre to write anti-

ington assassination of former Chilean ambassador to the United States Orenforcement officials completed telligence officials in the 1976 partment's indictment of Chilean shah and also before the Justice De-January, before the overthrow of the Washà. last

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was described as being to determine labelled "preliminary findings rather than final conclusions." Its purpose whether more extensive investigation The disclosures in the report were

toring political harassment by foreign CIA, the FBI and State Department directly involved in the activities of was that none of the agencies most governments of their own nationals in had direct responsibility for monimajor conclusion of the study intelligence agents

be impressionistic on points where the of successful operations. refused to give up sensitive informainto effect or did not work than it has details of plans that were never gence activity in that it has far more tion. It is like most works on intelli-White House and other agencies have fBI, CIA, the State Department, The Senate report moreover has to

ords at home. with controversial human rights recon public discussion and attitudes in dissidents had had a "chilling effect" of "harrassment and intimidation" that even when the foreign their more startling plans, the pattern gence agencies have not carried out But the report argues persuasively country toward governments ınteШ·

prive the targeted emigres, some of The intimidation has worked to de-

> whom were naturalized U.S. citizens, emigre and student attitudes toward speech, assembly and association that of constitutional rights to freedom of intelligence activities may have prestrongly suggests that the pattern of Moreover, the are guaranteed to all U.S. tability and human rights in ented U.S. officials and citizens from accurate information evidence collected

across a different message, according to intelligence community sources and cases involving the students. dissident students who sought to get agents in the United States were ining the shah's Iran in January 1978 as 'an island of stability,'' the shah's egal documents filed in Chicago court ensifying their campaign to silence While President Carter was prais-

staff report states. Cyrus R. Vance to China, the Senate protest a visit by Secretary of State inti-Peking demonstration attended ervice had organzed and paid Six months earlier, persons in Washington Taiwan's secret

and Taiwan's National Security side the United States of the countries and active anti-dissident networks ineau established the most extensive he shah's government in February, SAVAK, disbanded after the fall of

case officers with who ran dozens if not hundreds of Iran and Taiwan reportedly set up diplomatic cover

Foreign spies in U.S. tried to change public opinion

agents who infiltrated campus life and student organizations across the senior U.S. officials quoted in zations, according to statements large-scale propaganda campaigns to be orchestrated through front organicountry. Each also reportedly planned monitored by the FBI's counterintelli-Countries on the criteria list

camp as Richard M. Nixon and Henry A. Kissinger begin their 1971 opening "the white hats" to the is transformed from being States is the section on Taiwan, which oreign spies at work in the United the report's six cameo descriptions of The most diverse and compelling of Peking. The transformation to the "black hat" among

munist country to make the FBI's "criteria list." Taiwan becomes the only non-com-

ties of Iran, Chile and the Philippines the United States." The covert activiwere not regularly monitored by the ar concern to the national security of ies that "are hostile to, or of particugence division for intelligence activi-

capabilities, likely motivation and the chosen because of their "intelligence the Senate subcommittee staff were six countries investigated

logical balance.

Omitted from the study were other ing on the Soviet Union suggests that The study's virtual lack of any reportrequency of alleged wrongdoing." may have been included for ideo-

der way of the "Koreagate" congressional investigations then ed in April 1977, because of separate left out of the study, which was startothers. South Korea was deliberately tries, which would include South Afgiven of the ommission of those counrica, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and the United States. No explanation is targets for persuasion efforts inside with the CIA and or possessing clear with liaison agreements

Taiwan spy agency turns hostile

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Taipei in September 1971 of the three

Intelligence reports on a meeting in

thal letters would have also been sent

Senate staff report concludes States persons and interests as now are targeted" against Peking, the and espionage carry out the same types of operations trusted ally with no interest in spying inside the United States into a opening toward Peking has turned l'aiwan's intelligence agency from a WASHINGTON — The American paramilitary activities, sabotage hostile force that "could against meeting was a plan to send letter bombs to Peking's newly established they emerged here. iason office in Washington. The le-

main Taiwanese intelligence organizapro-Peking groups and individuals as undermine the normalization of relating a strategy to delay or, if possible, tions disclose that Taiwan began plotions between Washington and in part by actively countering to Americans supporting Peking. At least 45 Taiwanese intelligence

Considered and rejected at the 1971 and the organization of anti-Peking and the organization well-known" try of National Defense in Taipei the Intelligence Bureau of the Minisportedly been put on the payroll Sino-American professors have on U.S. college campuses, where they States at the beginning of this year. officers were present in the United Ten to 25 of them are believed to in infiltration,